

## Committee Meetings

### WATER POLLUTION PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT; EPA'S PROCESSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD RULES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on the following: H.R. 4502 Water Pollution Program Improvement Act of 2000; and EPA's proposed Total Maximum Daily Load rules on agriculture and silviculture. Testimony was heard from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; Peter F. Guerrero, Director, Environmental Protection Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORIES MEASURES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 534, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the recent nuclear weapons security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory demonstrate that security policy and security procedures within the National Nuclear Security Administration remain inadequate, that the individuals responsible for such policy and procedures must be held accountable for their performance, and that immediate action must be taken to correct security deficiencies; H.R. 3906, amended, to ensure that the Department of Energy has appropriate mechanisms to independently assess the effectiveness of its policy and site performance in the areas of safeguards and security and cyber security; H.R. 4446, amended, to ensure that the Secretary of Energy may continue to exercise certain authorities under the Price-Anderson Act through the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health; H.R. 3383, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to remove separate treatment or exemption for nuclear safety violations by nonprofit institutions; and H.R. 4737, amended, Nuclear Secrets Safety Act.

### NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the National Missile Defense Program. Testimony was heard from Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology), Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

### INTERNET GAMBLING FUNDING PROHIBITION ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4419, Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act.

### AMERICAN CONSUMER—SUMMER ENERGY CONCERNS

*Committee on Commerce:* Held a hearing on Summer Energy Concerns for the American Consumer. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of

Energy; Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

### RIISING FUEL PRICES—APPROPRIATE FEDERAL RESPONSE

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Rising Fuel Prices and the Appropriate Federal Response. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy; Carol M. Browner, Administrator, EPA; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

### SEMIPOSTAL AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on the Postal Service approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4437, Semipostal Authorization Act.

### COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*Committee on House Administration:* Met to consider pending business.

### U.S. ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to Micronesia and the Marshall Islands: A Question of Accountability. Testimony was heard from Susan S. Westin, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Division, GAO; Ferdinand Aranza, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Allen Stayman, Special Negotiator, Compact of Free Association, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Fred Smith, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary, Asia-Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 4528, amended, International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000, H. Con. Res. 328, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress in recognition of the 10th anniversary of the free and fair elections in Burma and the urgent need to improve the democratic and human rights of the people of Burma; H. Con. Res. 257, amended, Concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; S. Con. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately release Rabiya Kadeer, her secretary, and her son, and permit them to move to the United States if they so desire; and H. Con. Res. 348, amended, expressing condemnation of the use of children as soldiers and expressing the belief that the United States should support and, where possible, lead efforts to end this abuse of human rights.

**LATIN AMERICA—DEVELOPMENT,  
GROWTH AND POVERTY REDUCTION**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a hearing on Development, Growth and Poverty Reduction in Latin America: Assessing the Effectiveness of Assistance. Testimony was heard from William E. Schuerch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Development, Debt and Environmental Policy, Department of the Treasury; Carl Leonard, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, AID, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**OIL INDUSTRY SOLUTIONS TO  
COMPETITIVE PROBLEMS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Continued oversight hearings on Solutions to Competitive Problems in the Oil Industry: Part 3. Testimony was heard from Representatives Collins, Stabenow, Hall of Ohio, Hoekstra and Barrett of Wisconsin; Rich Parker, Director, Bureau of Competition, FTC; Bob Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator, Air and Pollution, EPA; Melanie Kenderdine, Acting Director, Office of Policy, Department of Energy; Tommy Thompson, Governor, State of Wisconsin; George Ryan, Governor, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 755, amended, Guam War Restitution Act; S. 1030, to provide that the conveyance by the Bureau of Land Management of the surface estate to certain land in the State of Wyoming in exchange for certain private land will not result in the removal of the land from operation of the mining laws; S. 1508, Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 1999; S. 1705, Castle Rock Ranch Acquisition Act of 2000; H.R. 2296, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislature of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands; H.R. 2462, amended, Guam Omnibus Opportunities Act; H.R. 2671, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska Development Trust Fund Act; H.R. 4148, amended, Tribal Contract Support Cost Technical Amendments of 2000; H.R. 4286, amended, to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; H.R. 4404, amended, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the United States Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a State or political subdivision when required by State law; and H.R. 4442, National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act.

**QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT  
OF 2000**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1304, Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 2000, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK  
PERIOD ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for the adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution. The rule lays House Resolution 469 and 482 on the table.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN  
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES  
COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported on or before the legislative day of Friday, June 30, 2000, providing for the consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4425) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes,

or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

## VIETNAM—DISAPPROVING EXTENSION OF WAIVER AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN TRADE ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Adversely reported H.J. Res. 99, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D649)

H.R. 4387, to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia. Signed June 27, 2000. (P.L. 106–226)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* business meeting to mark up S. 2507, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, 9:15 a.m., SR–222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the report of the National Missile Defense Independent Review Team; to be followed by a closed hearing (SH–219), 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the United States Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan amendment, and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 134, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study whether the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore should be protected as a wilderness area; S. 2051, to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area; S. 2279, to authorize the addition of land to Sequoia National Park; and S. 2512, to convey certain Federal properties on Governors Island, New York, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water, to hold hearings on pending issues in the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 9:30 a.m., SD–406.

Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment, to hold hearings on S. 2700, to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, to provide financial assistance for

brownfields revitalization, to enhance State response programs, 2 p.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the nationwide crisis of mortgage fraud, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the rising oil prices and the efficiency and effectiveness of the Executive Branch Response, 1 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review factors affecting domestic and international agricultural input prices, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, hearing on terrorism and threats to U.S. interests in Latin America, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services,* to mark up H.R. 4585, Medical Financial Privacy Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning and the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means, joint hearing on Welfare Reform: Assessing the Progress of Work-Related Provisions, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following: H.R. 4049, Privacy Commission Act; a report entitled "Making the Federal Government Accountable" Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management"; H.R. 4744, Truth in Regulating Act of 2000"; H.R. 3454, to designate the United States Post Office located at 451 College Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "Henry McNeal Turner Post Office"; H.R. 3909, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4601 South Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Henry W. McGee Post Office Building"; H.R. 3985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14900 Southwest 30th Street in Miramar City, Florida, as the "Vicki Coceano Post Office Building"; H.R. 4157, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 600 Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, California, as the "Matthew 'Mack' Robinson Post Office Building"; H.R. 4430, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11831 Scaggsville Road in Fulton, Maryland, as the "Alfred Rascon Post Office Building"; H.R. 4517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24 Tsienneto Road in Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Alan B. Shepard, Jr., Post Office Building"; H.R. 4484, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 North Washington Street in Rockville, Maryland, as the "Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building"; H.R. 4534, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Ridge Street in Lenoir, North Carolina, as the "James T. Broyhill Post Office Building"; H.R. 4554, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1602 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Joseph F. Smith Post Office Building"; H.R. 4615, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3030 Meredith Avenue in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Reverend J.C. Wade Post Office"; H.R. 4625, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2108 East 38th Street in Erie, Pennsylvania, as